

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EFFECTING  
AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF TELEPHONE CALLS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

For use with call transfer circuitry associated with a central  
5 office, an automatic transferring system and method for  
automatically transferring a telephone call from a called party to  
a subsequent party and a surveying system incorporating the system  
or the method. In one embodiment, the automatic transferring  
system includes: (1) a call termination detector that detects  
10 termination of the telephone call by the called party and (2)  
signaling circuitry, associated with the call termination detector  
and dissociated from the called party, that, in response to the  
termination, signals the call transfer circuitry to transfer the  
telephone call to the subsequent party without requiring equipment  
15 associated with the called party to cause the transfer.